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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for whole body hens and toms was generally steady. No sales reported. Supplies fully adequate for trade needs. Demand ranged from light to good, mostly light to moderate. Fresh hens and toms finding fairly good demand for Easter holiday. Bulk parts and meats trading slow. Domestic movement slow to take place as most items being held with confidence as the export market was the driving force.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand moderate to good. Export inquiry good and coming from various regions. Trading centered on heavy volume of frozen thigh meat and moderate volumes of tom drums.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 10, 2001**

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#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),  
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS  
AS OF 10 APRIL 2001.

Fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloin undertone steady to barely steady for pre Easter holiday needs. Demand light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Trade sentiment steady to firm on thigh meat and tom drums with exports continuing to be the driver. Demand fair to good with some export destinations more active than others. Offerings were generally held with confidence. Neck and wing trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Demand fair to good, however, some have noted increased buyer resistance on full-cut wings for domestic shipments at current market levels. Offerings of wings and necks light at best. Tom 2-joint wings were noted as not being as tight as 3-joints. Trading centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Plant grade 14-16 lb. non-basted breasts traded at 112 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	95.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	31.03	108
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	31.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	31.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00		40.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	39.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.00		34.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	41.00	20
NECKS, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.73	55
NECKS, HEN		R	29.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	173.00	40
THIGH MEAT		R	67.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	67.00		67.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	126.00	80
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	147.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	153.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	20.00		20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	19.00		19.00	30

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-33.00		31.18	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	38.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.50	104
TAILS	27.00		27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.50-71.00		68.29	456

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-83

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	93-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	89-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	89-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-101

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Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins for pre-Easter holiday needs, however, some sellers started to indicate strength for post holiday shipments. Trading was noted on frozen tom breast meat at steady to higher trending price levels. Bulk parts trade sentiment ranged steady to firm, strongest in the East. Domestic demand ranged fair to good. Demand was the strongest in the East caused by the tight offerings from Eastern processors resulting in increased parts movement from the Midwest. Offerings of bulk parts in the Midwest and West ranged from short to instances adequate with tom drums the most available. Some industry members note 3-joint wings not as tight as previous weeks out of the Midwest and West, but still held with confidence. Fresh scapula traded at 128, fresh tom 3-joint wings 40 and frozen yearling hen breast meat 147 cents delivered domestic. Exports continued active and centered on tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Hen 2-joint wings traded 42 and scapula at 124 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	98.00-99.00		98.50	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	93.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00-33.00		32.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	31.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		M	31.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00-42.00		40.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	40.00		40.00	17
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	36.00-37.00		36.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	44.00		44.00	40
NECKS, TOM	30.00-32.00		31.15	104
NECKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	8
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00-167.00		166.75	320
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	169.00-178.00		172.56	360
THIGH MEAT		R	67.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		T	67.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	125.00		125.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	126.00	80
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	152.00		152.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	154.00		154.00	20
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.00		16.28	640
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-33.00		31.14	528
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	40.00-41.00		40.72	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	27.00		27.00	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.67	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-70.00		68.27	456

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/11/01**

**POULTRY HEALTH BOARD**

**ACCUMULATED**

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2000-2001	14,339	342,855	343,105
1999-2000	-	297,176	297,526